

I am writing to protest the Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas. This is another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Neither our nation nor any local community is served when a corporation using public airtime provides one side in any election a louder voice than others. During elections, all audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

You are responsible for overseeing this public process, and therefore you allow Pappas to use the public airwaves free of charge. Pappas is thereby obligated (by law) to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions demonstrate why we need to seriously strengthen media ownership rules. Further, they show that the license renewal process needs to involve much more than just a returned postcard.

Thank you.